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DeSOTO TEACHERS

INSTITUTE MET IN ARCADIA LAST WEEK

The DeSoto County Teachers' Institute was called to order Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., by J. S. Carlton, county superintendent, in the Arcadia school building, and was formally opened by singing, reading of scripture and prayer by Mr. E. Carlton.

The Institute was formally organized by electing Mr. J. S. Carlton chairman and Miss Laura McEwen secretary for temporary organization.

Mr. C. H. Mitchell, supervisor, delivered the Address of Welcome in the absence of Mr. G. B. Shaver. Mr. P. G. Shaver responded on behalf of the teachers of the county.

The temporary officers were then elected the permanent officers of the Institute. The enrollment was completed and a committee on resolutions was appointed by the chairman at which time the Institute adjourned for dinner until 2 p. m.

After the afternoon roll call the subject, "Benefits derived from the Institute" were taken up and discussed at some length by the teachers.

Miss Edith Baird presented in a most interesting manner "The Advantages Derived from Grading Schools." A number of teachers took part in presenting thoughts on this subject.

The discussion of the subject, "The present curriculum followed out, and is it satisfactory?" was most generally participated in by the members of the Institute.

Elements of Success of the teacher, was presented by Mr. Frank Riherd.

The Institute then adjourned at 7:30 p. m. when the teachers and friends and patrons of the school were entertained with the following program:

PROGRAM

Hungarian Fantasy.....Schlesinger
LILLIAN SIMMONS
Day of Judgment.....Phelps
EMILY SMITH
Turne.....Henri Weil
MARGARET CHOLLAR
Story Kathie Told.....
ZOLA LANGFORD
a) The Fire Fly.....Johnston
ZOELLA KING
b) The Spinning Song.....
LURENE CARLTON
d Night, Papa.....
KATE WHIDDEN
.....Glee Club
ver Song.....Spaulding
CARRIE MITCHELL
Raggedy Man.....Riley
MAUDE SMITH
ma.....Singelee
EDMUND SCOTT
mie Brown's Prompt Obedience
SUSIE ROYAL
Diavolo.....Sidney Smith
MRS. Mary SMITH
Bright.....Richards
MISS BAUGHN
ning Song, from Flying Dutch-
man.....Warner-Liszt
MISS PENICK

The program of the High School the evening was full of interest well rendered and carried out. Saturday, 9 o'clock a. m., Rev.

J. L. Wilson opened the Institute with devotional exercises.

After the roll call the subject of "The Teacher as a Moral Factor in the Community" was discussed by Mr. W. B. Jones in a clear and forcible manner. His was a well prepared paper on the subject. The subject of "Reading" was introduced by Miss Ella Beeson and "Primary Reading" by Mrs. Alice McEwen in well prepared paper. The subject of reading in general was fully discussed by the Institute.

Mr. P. G. Shaver discussed the advantages of an Institute, and "How May We Strengthen the pupil in spelling?" was handled by Miss Laura Miss Laura Mitchell in a carefully prepared paper.

Miss Mary Riherd discussed the subject, "Should Spelling be Taught with other Branches?"

The subject, "Why is writing neglected? How overcome this fault?"

It was suggested that the pupils be given sentences to write on slips and then be taken having been signed by them and dated and then tacked up somewhere for inspection, also a place was suggested that the pupil make a selection, copy such sentence or paragraph and bring it into school in a neatly written hand for inspection.

Under the head of School Management the subject "The Importance of Knowing the Pupils" was discussed by D. B. Shaver in a very concise and well prepared paper.

"What elements go to make up a good disciplinarian?" C. A. Skipper.

"Corporal Punishment," T. E. Blackburn.

"Map drawing and modeling," Miss Alice Leitner.

Before adjourning on Saturday afternoon, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, First. We desire to express our thanks so Superintendent Carlton and the Honorable School Board for this expression of their interest in the professional progress of the teachers of our county in arranging for this institute by paying us for the day lost in attending.

Second. We are pleased to mention the courtesy which Prof. W. B. Jones and his co-laborers in the DeSoto County High School have shown us.

Third. We would not forget the most excellent entertainment offered us by Misses Penick and Baughn Friday evening, and desire to thank them most heartily.

Fourth. The hospitable people of Arcadia as represented by Mr. C. H. Mitchell have our thanks for their hearty welcome to their city.

Those who attended the Institute were:

Mrs. Alice McEwen, Mrs. Clemmens, Misses Hattie May Cash, Era Dawson, Maude Blackburn, Edith Baird, Daisy Brinson, Ella Beeson, Lucy Futral, Rosebud Hopson, Alice Leitner, Ruby Leitner, Belle Murdoch, Lottie McQuady, Zilla Murphy, Mabel Martin, Belle Pharr, Leah Riherd, Mary Riherd, Kate Taylor, Temperence Vaughn, Francis Wilkerson, May Dula Wolf, Vola Brown, Verna Bridges, Belle McEwen; Messrs. J. S. Coker, T. E. Blackburn, J. S. Carlton, C. E. Hendry, J. A. Hughs, W. B. Jones, T. H. Jones, M. E. Martin, A. A. Price, R. P. Raulerson, L. R. Skipper, C. A. Skipper, P. G. Shaver, D. B. Shaver, Frank Riherd, W. C. Woolridge.

News of the Week In DeSoto County

As Reported by The Champion's
Excellent Corps of Correspondents
A Resume of Current Events

Lily Locals.

Nice cool weather and some rain. Mr. J. R. Durrance is moving his oranges this week.

Miss Della Coker is very ill at present but hope she soon will recover.

Rev. T. W. White filled his regular appointments Saturday and Sunday.

Some of our farmers are planting corn and it is hopeful we will have a better crop season this year than was last.

Orange trees are blooming, and the bloom can be seen some distance away.

Our merchant, Mr. J. T. Stephens is rushing his business straight on and invites you to come one, come all.

Come boys, you had better stir up or you will be left in the cold, for our visiting boys are rushing in their favor.

Our school is progressing again under the management of assistant Miss Odesa Robinson, now as principal teacher. Supt. Carlton, visited the school Tuesday and was pleased to see it doing so well.

Lily seems to be the center of attraction of a good many visiting young ladies and young gentlemen. We are glad to welcome them to come to Lily. Spoon Bill.

Castalia Scrappings.

Editor Champion: As it appears that space will about fit another scrap I will attempt to write a few.

Since Hardknot drew down so straightly that even the laundry found it difficult to straighten me out I hope to dodge his lasso and be counted in the game this once.

The aged pastor, J. H. Hayman supplied his regular appointment last second Sunday and Saturday before at New Zion.

In the midst of the Sunday exercises two young lads concluded to begin a continuous absence from home without permissions from parents, taking up at Ft. Myers, where their fathers, toward the close of the week fell in company with them, continuing with them to their former place of abode.

Parents and sons all attended church and Sunday school as jovial as mocking birds in springtime.

Mr. Mann Gill, of Myakka Head was an esteemed guest among the fair sex of lower Castalia last Sunday afternoon.

On which round got on trail of one of his friends who had gone out on a similar quest. In his absence his horse fed away and he after a search with the man of the house through the community returned to find that the ladies were the successful finders.

The money panic being in force necessitating a shortage of bandages to prevent an explosion of the head of J. J. Stephens brought about by the great fame gained by the exhibits placed in the State Fair by him. He has supplied a number of his neighbors with seed corn and says he has an inquiry from a farmer at Bartow who he expects to supply as he can supply

others yet with nice white Florida grown corn.

Mrs. J. J. Stephens attended the Fair Tuesday the eighteenth, as did also Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Swain are spending a visit among relatives on the Little Manatee in connection with a meeting of Confederate veterans and the Fair in Tampa.

Mr. G. W. Stephens has completed a very bad job of grubbing and is expecting a phonograph after which he can sit in the shade and listen to charming music.

Messrs E. G. and W. E. Harris the right-about farmers are fencing and preparing their lands for their crops.

J. E. Duncan, J. W. McLeod, F. S. Harrison have planted corn extensively.

Mrs. S. A. Stephens spent one day and night shopping and visiting at Lily.

Our school teacher, Mr. Jos. C. Cordell, was happily surprised by a visit from Supt. John Carlton.

Scrap.

Gardner Gossip.

Brownville was largely represented here at church Sunday

Gardnerites were presented to a grand musical treat Monday night by Perry Bros. Music Co.

Jonathan Coker had the painful accident of sticking a nail in his foot and has been somewhat crippled for a few days

Miss Bertie Coker returned home last week very ill but she very rapidly improved and was able this a. m. to accompany the home folks on a fishing trip only to add more misfortunes it seems. Miss Bertie, we are informed, was leaning over the river bank for some purpose and losing her balance she tumbled in headfirst into the creek ten feet below. Consider her mother's and sister's feelings on seeing her struggling in the water find no man near. But Miss Bertie is too shrewd to get drowned She very readily rescued herself and only received some bruises and a sprained back. Now if she does not contract cold, and we trust she won't, all will soon be well

Looks funny to ye scribe why so many people will turn out to a sing when only twelve or fifteen will attend prayer meeting. Methinks prayer is need here now equally as bad as singing. Yes, we are glad to see you at the sing alright and would also be delighted would you attend prayer meeting

B. P. Clark and Little Guy have returned from the east coast where they went a month ago

Noah Smith, of Nocatee, greeted his many friends here last evening.

Doctor and Mrs. Moore visited the state fair in Tampa last week Mr. J. L. Brandon went to the fair this a. m.

Geo. McCorquodale had a tussle with his horse Monday morning and received several bruises. The horse became affected it seems at a neighbor who was assisting Mr. Mc "hitch up".

R. B. McCorquodale has returned to his position at Ft. Meade Tom Coker goes hog hunting occasionally.

Let's quit. HARD HEAD.
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So far as Presidential booms are concerned, Pennsylvania has its Phil

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

REPORT [OF THE WEEK'S WORK HONOR ROLLS

The teachers of DeSoto County met in convention last Friday and Saturday at the High School Auditorium.

Much interest was manifested during the meeting and notwithstanding a number of conflicting circumstances between forty and fifty teachers were present.

The entertainment given in honor of the visiting teachers by the teachers and pupils of the departments of music and expression was pronounced a success in every respect. The teachers of the county left with the statement that pupils, teachers and citizens had done all in their power to make their stay in Arcadia a pleasant one.

The Franklin and Minerva Literary Societies will meet in joint debate Friday afternoon. The following subject will be debated: Resolved that the education of children between the ages of seven and fourteen years should be compulsory.

Saturday afternoon the base ball team of the High School will cross bats on the local diamond with the boys of Summerlin Institute, Bartow. The game will be called at 2:00 p. m. This is the first game of the season and a good crowd is expected. Everybody is invited to attend.

First Grade. Maud Simmons, Gussie Rushing, Mattie Langford, Minnie Johnson, Blanche Connell, Ella Ralls, Nellie Holmer, Susie Stonebraker, Nell Steele, Charlotte Seward, Lula Brown, Florida Houstoun, Frances Britt, Winnie Dear, Elsie Hendry, Porter Smith, Eugene Wey, Edwin Parker, Clarence Higginbotham, Frank Morgan, Vernon Hollingsworth, Lamar Carlton, Willie Waldron, Bruce Smith, Archibald Smith

Second Grade. Louise Lanier, Vera Lamb, Clara Blount, Leona Lane, Leroy Williams, John Johnson, May Smith, Carl Hollingsworth, Curtis Williams, Forrest Weaver, Sherwood Chollar, Julia Livingston

Third Grade. Mary Bailey, George Cox, Robert Hollingsworth, Richard Myer, Alger Smart, Sam Smith, Emilie Grunholzer, Wenda Wey, Marjorie Clay, Abbie Anderson, Irene Edwards, Rollo Greene, Maud Worley, Ira Snell

Fourth Grade. Nellie Peoples, Harold Stewart, Lillie Dear, Ernest Moye, Bertie Gore, Bert Higginbotham, Oakley Lanier

Fifth Grade. Ruth Holmer, Gladys McNary, Maude Smith, Lenora Woodruff, Otis Causey, Robt. Douglas, Sam Lawton, Doyle Clay, Frank Powell, Daniel Masters, Gladys Thomas, Beatrice McClenithan, May Thomas, Tom Platt, George Stonebraker

Sixth Grade. Vergil Steele, Frank Stonebraker

Seventh Grade. Gerda Holmer, Lillian Simmons, Mareo Martin, Lillian Martin, Tom Mitchell, Cecil Causey, Pat Houstoun, Frank Ralls, Robert Waldron, Hugh Waldron, Leewright Whidden

Eighth Grade. Susie Ivey, Inez Clark, Martha Livingston, Emily Smith, Emily Kirkpatrick

Ninth Grade. Kate Carlton, Upshur Quinby

Tenth Grade. Wilbur Carlton, Edmund Quinby

Eleventh Grade. Bernard Noble

The best grades in music were made by Nellie Thomas and Lurene Carlton, Cauto, Zola Langford.

Mr. Bourke Cockran is not above a resort to apt alliteration's artful aid. With Mr. Bryan and the presidential chair, he says, "the plunderers of millions will be given preference in the pathway to prison over the pilferers of pennies."